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SUBJECT: IV NOMINEE MANUEL MARIA ALBUJA ALBUJA

REF: QUITO 3983

1. IV GRANTEE LIEUTENANT COLONEL MANUEL MARIA ALBUJA ALBUJA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ELOY ALFARO, HAS TENTATIVE PERMISSION TO BEGIN IV TRIP EARLY AUGUST AND SINCE ELOY ALFARO BEGINS FULL TERM EARLY SEPTEMBER, POST IS HOPEFUL THIS CAN BE ARRANGED. (FULL PERMISSION REQUIRING PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR IS EXPECTED EARLY NEXT WEEK).

2. LT. COLONEL ALBUJA IS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PRESTIGIOUS MILITARY SCHOOL, ELOY ALFARO-WEST POINT OF ECUADOR WHERE 300 ECUADOREAN YOUTH ARE TRAINED. AT 43 YEARS OF AGE, ALBUJA IS RISING FAST IN THE ARMY. THE FACT THAT HE IS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL IS USUAL FOR THE POSITION IS GENERALLY HELD BY A COLONEL.

3. BIO-DATA: BORN JUNE 15, 1932, IBARRA. EDUCATED AT ELOY ALFARO MILITARY SCHOOL, AND SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE IN PANAMA. PAST ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN: SECOND BATTALION COMMANDER IN CUENCA, CHIEF OF INFANTRY SECTION OF THE THIRD DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, COMMANDER OF THE BATTALLION IN AMBATO, AND COMMANDER GENERAL OF MILITARY POLICE

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CUSTOMS UNIT. HAS TRAVELLED TO LEBANON AS OBSERVER FOR

THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1958 AND TO VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
AS MEMBER OF MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1973. UAS IN U.S. FOR
TWO DAYS (MIAMI AND NEW YORK) LAST YEAR.

4. HAS LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH. WILL NEED AN INTERPRETER.

5. PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS: FOCUS SHOULD BE ON U.S.
MILITARY EDUCATION AND ASPECTS OF INFANTRY. IN WASHINGTON
AREA: VISITS TO INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD; THIRD
INFANTRY AT FORT MEYER; GENERAL TOUR OF WASHINGTON. IN
NEW YORK AREA: WEST POINT WITH COURTESY CALL ON SUPER-
INTENDENT GENERAL BERRY, WHOM ALBUJA MET IN QUITO AND
OBSERVATION OF JUNIOR ROTC; AND NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY.
IN GEORGIA TO FORT BENNING TO SEE ITS INFANTRY SCHOOL, SPECIAL
FORCES UNIT, PARACHUTE AND RANGER TRAINING. IN S. CAROLINA
TO THE CITADEL ACADEMY. O FORT LEAVENWORTH,
KANSAS. TO THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY, COLORADO AND GRAND
CANYON (ARIZONA), OR ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK (COLORADO),
AND TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE PRESIDIO AND GENERAL SIGHT-
SEEING.

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